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Nominations Sought for Volunteer Community of the Year Awards

Each year, the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism partners with the Governor's Office and the Arkansas Municipal League to sponsor the Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Awards. Nominations for the 2008 Community of the Year will be accepted beginning July 1, 2008. The nomination deadline is September 26, 2008.

Twelve communities throughout the state will receive recognition for their volunteer efforts. A committee of citizens who represent a cross section of the state population will select winning communities. The awards will be presented at the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference in January 2009.

Recipients of the 2007 awards were Caraway, Clarkridge, Dumas, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Heber Springs, Maumelle, Mountain Home, North Little Rock, Piggott, Texarkana and Van Buren. Volunteers in these communities donate thousands of hours yearly toward supporting on-going activities and needs of their fellow citizens.

For a nomination form or more information, visit the DHS Division of Volunteerism's website: <http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/adov>, or contact Rebecca Burton, DHS Division of Volunteerism, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-230, Little Rock, AR 72203, or call 501- 682-7540.